

Weather Guidelines

In the event of inclement weather prior to the start of the game, Sporting Columbia will be notified of field conditions from the City of Columbia Parks & Recreation Department. Sporting Columbia staff / board members agree to play games unless one of the following listed conditions occur.

The cancellation line (573-874-7663) will be updated by the Parks & Rec Department at 7AM on Saturdays and 4PM on weekdays.

General cool weather Guidelines

Dry conditions, wind chill above 40°F, temperature above 40°F — we play.

Wet conditions (ie: rain, drizzle, etc.), wind chill above 40°F, temperature above 48°F — we play.

Because conditions can change, these are merely guidelines used by staff / officials to aid in the decision of whether or not to play. Please dress appropriately for cold/wet-weather play.

If inclement weather moves in during a game, the onsite staff / officials will be watching for any condition that may affect the safety of the patrons. If any unsafe condition is identified by staff / officials, he / she will stop play and notify the Club representative on site. If the unsafe condition is due to weather such as lightning, on site rep will monitor the storm activity with the Storm Warning device at the concession stand. If the lightning strike is within 10 miles of Cosmo Park, all games will be delayed until the storm has passed, or no lightning strikes are detected within 10 miles for more than 15 minutes.

Unsafe conditions include, but are not limited to the following:

- Excessive damage to the field / or equipment
- Excessive water / snow
- High winds
- Lightning
- Hail

Heat Guidelines

Heat index below 105°F – we play

Extra water breaks will be taken during hot weather conditions.

Games may begin and either be delayed or later game times cancelled should conditions warrant. Emails and social media posts will also be made to notify members.

The above are merely guidelines and it is the responsibility of parents to make the ultimate decision as to the participation of their child in Sporting Columbia events when heat may be a factor, taking into consideration the age and physical condition of their child. Parents also have the ultimate responsibility to inform their child about the dangers of heat and need for protection, including sunscreen and proper hydration.